

2001 Tornado Fatalities

In 2001, the National Weather Service recorded 1,213 tornadoes; just slightly above the 3-year average of 1,209 tornadoes. Tornado fatalities have decreased for the 5th straight year with only 40 fatalities in 2001. This is significantly less than the 10-year average of 57. Continuing a trend from 1999, there were more female (21) than male deaths (19). Forty-three percent of the fatalities occurred in mobile homes, while 38% occurred in permanent homes. Tornado fatalities were evenly spaced throughout age groups. Tornado injuries continue a downward trend. In 1999, there were 1,842 injuries; in 2000, 882; and in 2001, 743. The deadliest tornado occurred on February 24 in northern Mississippi. The tornado touched down in Calhoun County and tracked 52 miles through Pontotoc, Union, Lee, and Prentiss Counties. The tornado reached F3 on the Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale, leaving 6 dead and 73 injured.

2001 TORNADO FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BU</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
AR	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
FL	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
IA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
IN	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
KS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
MO	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
MS	0	0	1	0	2	9	0	0	12
OK	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TN	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
WI	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	3	0	17	0	2	15	0	3	40
PERCENT	8	0	43	0	5	38	0	8	102*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

2001 TORNADO FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	5	0	5	13
10 TO 19	2	0	0	2	5
20 TO 29	3	0	0	3	8
30 TO 39	1	2	0	3	8
40 TO 49	3	5	0	8	20
50 TO 59	1	1	0	2	5
60 TO 69	4	2	0	6	15
70 TO 79	6	3	0	9	23
80 TO 89	1	1	0	2	5
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	19	0	40	102*
PERCENT	53	48	0	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BU - Business
 LS - Long-Span Roof
 MH - Mobile Home
 OT - Other/Unknown
 OU - Outside Open
 PH - Permanent Home
 SC - School
 VE - Vehicle